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APPLICATION FOR PATENT

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Title: SPACE-VARIANT SUBWAVELENGTH POLARIZATION
GRATING AND APPLICATIONS THEREOF

FIELD AND BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to the production and manipulation of optically polarized light and, more particularly, to a polarization grating whose grating vector varies continuously laterally and applications of this grating.

Laterally varying polarizers have found application in a variety of fields, including optical communication, optical computers, material processing, tight focusing, polarimetry, particle trapping and particle acceleration. For the most part, the transmission axes of these polarizers vary laterally in a discontinuous manner. For example, Bahram Javidi and Takanori Nomura, "Polarization encoding for optical security systems", *Optical Engineering* vol. 39 no. 9 pp. 2439-2443 (2000), perform polarization encoding using a polarization mask that consists of a rectangular array of small linear polarizers, oriented randomly at angles between 0° and 180° . N. Davidson et al., "Realization of perfect shuffle and inverse perfect shuffle transforms with holographic elements", *Applied Optics* vol. 31 no. 11 pp. 1810-1812 (1992), invert an optical perfect shuffle using an interlaced polarizing mask that is a one-dimensional array of linear polarizers oriented alternately at 0° and 90° . Uwe D. Zeitner et al., "Polarization multiplexing of diffractive elements with metal-stripe grating pixels", *Applied Optics* vol. 38 no. 11 pp. 2177-2181 (1999), do optical encryption by polarization multiplexing using an element array, some of whose elements are linear polarizers oriented at 0° and 90° . Gregory P. Nordin et al., "Micropolarizer array for infrared imaging polimetry", *Journal of the Optical Society*

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